

Minutes
George Creek Water Users' Meeting

The annual meeting of the Division of Water Rights and the George Creek water users was held April 5, 1973, at 11:00 a.m. in the Yost Ward, L.D.S. Church.

Dee C. Hansen of the Division of Water Rights made a few opening remarks. There was some discussion as to the snow pack on the surrounding mountains, and it was concluded from the discussion that the water forecast for the 1973 irrigation season would be about normal.

After this brief discussion the meeting was turned over to Wallace B. Spencer who acted as temporary chairman for the annual meeting in the absence of Yale Montgomery. Mr. Spencer then proceeded with the agenda. He asked Dee Hansen if he would read the minutes for 1972. These were read, and no corrections or additions were made, so they stood approved as read.

Dee Hansen then was asked to give the financial report for 1972. After the report was read, there was a motion by Kenneth Richins, seconded by Darwin Thompson, that the financial report be approved as read. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Spencer then asked Michael O. Spencer, George Creek Water Commissioner for 1972, to give the commissioner's report. Michael Spencer indicated that during the 1972 irrigation season there was ample water for the system. Even the water users with high flow rights received irrigation water. Dee Hansen of the Division of Water Rights had available previous commissioner reports dating back to 1967, and the previous flows were compared with the data in the 1972 report. It was concluded by the members that 1972 was a very good water year. Following the discussion a motion was made by Kenneth Richins and seconded by Darwin Thompson that the commissioner's report be accepted as presented to the water users in attendance. The motion passed.

At this point in the meeting there was some discussion as to the necessity of measuring devices. Mr. Spencer made a motion that along with the data in the current report that in future reports the U.S.G.S. gauge height records be published. This motion was seconded by Kenneth Richins. The motion passed. Mr. Hansen asked if the George Creek Water Users Association would like the measuring devices ordered, installed. After some discussion it was decided by those in attendance that measuring devices should be ordered for us at Harold Omans, Joe Taylor, Orval Taylor, and the splitter on George Creek. Dee Hansen stated that the State Engineer's Office would issue the requested order as soon as possible to the George Creek Water Users Association. It was also mentioned that there would be no cost-sharing available from the federal government for the installation of the measuring devices. Kenneth Richins made a motion that the water users have the Division of Water Rights prepare and issue the order for the installation of the measuring devices. The motion was seconded by Darwin Thompson, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Spencer asked for any general comments, and Dee Hansen congratulated Mr. Michael Spencer for the fine job that he has been doing for the George Creek water users.

The next item of business was the appointment of a water commissioner.

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Michael O. Spencer was nominated by Kenneth Richins for a third term as George Creek Water Commissioner. This motion was seconded by Thomas Teeter. The vote was unanimous.

The budget was the next item of business discussed by the association. The 1973 budget was set as follows:

Commissioner's contractual services	\$1,400.00
Bonds and insurance premiums	15.00
Miscellaneous expenses	10.00
	<u>\$1,425.00</u>

The total budget was set at \$1,425.00, and it was decided to assess \$1,400.00 against the water users. The remaining \$25.00 was to come from association reserves. Darwin Thompson made a motion that the budget be approved as set. Kenneth Richins seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Michael O. Spencer, Water Commissioner, asked to be paid monthly during the coming irrigation season rather than at the end of the season. Mr. Hansen stated that this would be possible if the George Creek water users had enough money in their account. The problem with this type of arrangement is that if the water users' assessments are not received by the deadline, there would not be enough money on account to pay the commissioner. One solution to this problem would be for the water users to build a reserve fund that could pay any late assessments. After some discussion, it was concluded that the commissioner could be paid monthly during the coming season.

It was also mentioned at this time that there were no delinquent assessments for the 1972 irrigation season.

Mr. Hansen asked if the association felt it necessary to elect new officers for the coming year. Mr. Wallace Spencer called for nominations. Kenneth Richins nominated Wallace B. Spencer for president, and Darwin Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kenneth Richins nominated Darwin Thompson for vice-president, and Thomas Teeter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Darwin Thompson nominated Thomas Teeter for secretary. This motion was seconded by Kenneth Richins and passed unanimously. Therefore, the newly-appointed officers for the George Creek Water Users Association for 1973 are:

Wallace B. Spencer	President
Darwin Thompson	Vice-president
Thomas Teeter	Secretary

Chairman Spencer moved that the meeting adjourn, and the motion was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The following is a list of those present at the meeting:

Wallace B. Spencer	Thomas Teeter
Darwin Thompson	Kenneth Richins
Michael O. Spencer	Dee C. Hansen
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